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SUBSTRATE

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action dated October 24, 2005. Enclosed is charge authorization form PTO-2038 for \$1,810.00 (\$1,020.00 extension fee and \$790 RCE fee). If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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